



NEWSLETTER

February 15, 1993

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This being the first newsletter of the "WOODTURNERS of St. Louis", it has to be somewhat factual so all readers are brought up to date. So, here's where we are.

The kick-off meeting on January 24 was attended by about 35. Most were AAW members and the remainder received membership applications. As you know, to be a member of a Club of the AAW, all Club members must also be members of the AAW. Reminder to those who haven't sent in their AAW membership application, please do so as soon as possible. If you need an application, please call Ken Schaefer at 966 2268.

Glen Butterbrodt, assistant manager of Woodcraft, welcomed the group to the store and said that the fourth Sunday afternoon is reserved for the Club's use except in February when a class would be using the meeting area. Woodcraft will continue to provide a door prize as they have during the last year. This Sunday, it was "Woodturning, A Designer's Notebook" by Ray Key. Rick Tyler won the book.

On January 24, we agreed on the name "WOODTURNERS of St. Louis" and chose that from a list of names of other woodturning clubs. As a logo, the arch seemed appropriate—hence the design of this masthead. We also have stationary, envelopes and membership cards using the same design.

Bob Schmitz started the demonstration portion of the meeting showing how he mounted material for a green wood bowl by attaching a face plate to the bottom, turning the bowl and then parting it off just past the screws. Bob then finishes the bottom by using the tail stock to hold the bowl against a grooved block in the head.

Fletcher Hartline explained and demonstrated his mounting system for a green wood bowl by rough turning between centers, leaving a plug on the bottom and then holding that plug with a Novo chuck or glueing it into a waste block. This system involves slightly less waste wood than screwing the block onto a face plate.

Tom Hutchinson, maker of HUT finish material described the product and how to burnish it onto a turning after completion of sanding. Samples of HUT were given to each person. Tom also demonstrated turning of wooden barrels for pens. Our thanks to him for coming because he lives near Columbia, Mo.

During the later part of the afternoon, five lathes were busy with everyone having an opportunity to do what they wanted and get help with problem solving.

After 4 PM on the 24th, the chips were swept up, chairs stacked and Woodcraft was ready to receive us again on March 28th.

The AAW has adopted a policy of having their annual symposium on the east coast one year (1993 is in New York), in the middle of the country the next year and then on the west coast the third year. St. Louis is being considered for 1994! To reduce housing costs, AAW wants to have the event on a college campus however the only St. Louis campus large enough is Washington University and it has no available dates in 1994. AAW has been sent data on local hotels which can provide sufficient housing, meeting rooms, display space and dining area. All of the information is under consideration now and subsequent newsletters will let you know if our city has been selected.

On the 24th, several offered to pay the \$15 local dues but because officers had not been elected and because membership cards had not been printed, it was impractical to accept any money. But that has now changed! We have a name, membership cards are printed, proposed By-Laws have been submitted to the AAW and we are in business.

Enclosed is a proposed slate and ballot for your use and return along with a \$15 membership fee check made out to "Woodturners of St. Louis". Although three names are shown as candidates, please feel free to add more names and cast your vote accordingly.

NEXT MEETING

March 28, Woodcraft Store, Sunday, 1 PM to 4 PM

Demonstration program: Gary Johnson showing and demonstrating construction of segmented and decorated bowls.

Herbert Bilgram also showing and demonstrating how he makes segmented bowls plus demonstration of Ring Master unit which starts with a flat board instead of a chunk of wood.

Hands-on program during latter portion of the afternoon.

BALLOT FOR OFFICERS OF "WOODTURNERS of St. Louis" for 1993

President:

- Kenneth M. Schaefer

(Write in candidate)

Secretary/Treasurer:

- Virginia Toone

(Write in candidate)

Vice President:

- David W. Skinner

(Write in candidate)

Please vote for your choice and mail as soon as possible. \$15 local chapter dues are payable now. Check should be made out to "Woodturners of St. Louis" and mailed with ballot to 430 Bryan Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - WOODTURNERS of St. Louis

Name _____ Date _____
(Please print)

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

Mail this application with your check for \$15.00 for one year's dues to:
Woodturners of St. Louis, 430 Bryan Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122

Mail your check for membership in the American Association of Woodturners
directly to the AAW, 667 Harriet Avenue, Shoreview, MN 55126